



## PARENT ESSENTIAL AGREEMENT 2022-2023

The goal and commitment of Bambini Creativi's Educational Program is to provide an actively engaging and meaningful learning experience and education for children which rests upon the strong relationship we create together between home and school. In selecting our school for your child, you have chosen to become a contributing member to a community dedicated to this purpose. We welcome you and are thrilled to have you as part of our school family!

The educational experience we want for your child is only possible if we are all working together towards our shared values and goals. The information below outlines the basic kinds of engagement we anticipate and depend upon from parents. Please initial that you have read each section.

### \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) **Support Your Child's Education**

This area of engagement assures your child's educational process. It includes your ongoing commitment to be involved and attentive to your child's day to day experience and to support the classroom community created by the teacher(s). The information you need will come through your child's teacher, weekly informational emails, newsletters, printed materials, classroom blogs, etc.

### \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) **Attendance Requirements**

Parents have the responsibility to ensure their child(ren) attend for the full-time that school is in session to comply with state attendance requirements. Students may be excused for medical and dental appointments during school hours. A written excuse (via email) must be provided for all absences. Absences for reasons other than illness will require a teachers' pre-approval, and any make-up work must be completed.

### \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) **Assure that Your Child(ren) Arrive on Time**

The comprehensive nature of Bambini Creativi's curriculum means that any student arriving late, not only loses the benefits of what they have missed, but also disrupts the learning process for the entire class. If the student arrives after 8:45 am he/she will be marked late. Doors lock at 9:00 am and students will not be admitted without prior notice and approval from the Administrative Office. It is integral to your child's learning and the success of their day to be on time to school.

### \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) **Stay Informed and Keep Abreast of All Communication**

There is a lot of communication in connection to your child's education and school. At Bambini Creativi we value the exchange of information and open communication. We have several paths for exchanging information, and it is your responsibility to be in the know of what is going on at school at all times. Classroom communication and communication that pertains to your individual child is often found online at [seesaw.com](https://seesaw.com). You can also download the Seesaw application to your smart phone. Facebook is a great place you to get updates and reminders. Teachers and Administrators also send out emails with more detailed information regarding our curriculum, upcoming events, and the monthly calendar. All admissions forms, calendars, menus, and information regarding our academic program can all be found at [www.bambinicreativi.com](http://www.bambinicreativi.com). If you feel that you are not receiving information from the school, it is your responsibility to notify the school to make sure they have the correct contact information and email address.

### \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) **Attend Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent-Teacher conferences occur twice in the year; once in the fall (October) and once again in the spring (March). Your child's teacher may need to contact you to arrange an additional conference meeting in regards to your child's performance, behavior, concerns, etc. For your child to receive the maximum benefit of our program,

we ask that you make your best effort to attend these meetings and conferences. We also ask for you to make childcare arrangements in advance, and to schedule your conferences as soon as signups are posted. If you cannot attend your child's parent-teacher conference, we will either schedule a phone-call during your conference time slot or send you a written summary or report. All conference questionnaire forms should be completed so scheduled meeting times are used to address specific concerns and cover the topics that are most important to you.

**(Initial) Attend Parent Enrichment Meetings and Opportunities**

Take part in the several opportunities we offer for you to grow in your understanding of the needs of the developing child and how Bambini Creativi's program meets these needs through the implementation of Best Practice Approach, Conscious Discipline, the Reggio Emilia Approach, and the International Baccalaureate curriculum. Many times parenting classes, information sessions, and special events and activities are planned and designed to place our school methods and curriculum in the context for parents to better grasp, appreciate and understand. Many hours of planning, effort, and thoughtful consideration are given to create these opportunities for you, and it is part of the tremendous benefit of support and education you receive as parents who attend and belong to Bambini Creativi.

**(Initial) Attend as many Community and Family Events as possible.**

Community and Family Events at Bambini Creativi are special opportunities scheduled throughout the academic calendar year. It is not necessary that your child and family attends every event scheduled; however, we do believe children and families strongly benefit from attending these opportunities and events. It is an opportunity to share activities with your children and to create a positive association with the school and life around the child's educational experience. It is a way for parents to meet and interact with other parents, families, and teachers. It is an occasion to build strong bonds, make friendships through shared experiences, and explore the world together that surrounds us. Your involvement and participation affirms your support of the Bambini Creativi's mission and helps teachers provide a meaningful and authentic learning experience for your child and family.

**(Initial) Respond to Requests for Classroom Support from your Child's Teacher and your Classroom Ambassador**

Examples of classroom support include driving for field-trips and supporting children without attending parents at school events, sharing stories and experiences of your child extending from classroom to home, helping out in the kitchen with our food program, helping to take care of classroom gardens, classroom events, and helping with fundraising activities. It is vital for the health of the school community that these responsibilities are shared by all and do not rest solely in the hands of a few families and teachers.

**(Initial) Contributing Time and Talents to the School Community**

This area of engagement is the contribution of your time and unique talents to the school community. Bambini Creativi community events, fairs, classrooms, gardens, play yard, building and commitment to sustainability make for a vibrant school community that draws people to our experience. These unique opportunities and experiences can only be maintained if everyone takes responsibility for supporting the vitality and viability of our community.

There are many different areas to contribute to our school, so you should have no difficulty meeting a significant time commitment each year with something that works with your schedule and interests. Volunteer support can be scheduled with the Classroom Ambassadors or Parent Liaisons. The Mandatory Parent Orientation, at the beginning of the school year, is an opportunity for parents to commit to essential tasks and share their unique talent which the school community relies on to thrive. Areas for needed support are vast and include IT Management Support, PR & Marketing Support, Facebook and Social Media Support, Photography, Cooking, Gardening, Handyman Work, Building, Writing, Filming and Editing, Fundraising support, Educational Support, Contributing to Classrooms Units of Inquiry, Coordinating Events, or other:\_\_\_\_\_.

**(Initial) Provide Financial Support**

This area of Engagement covers the financial health and well-being of our school. The funds we receive come only from tuition, supply and enrollment fees, fundraising, and gifts and donations to the school. Bambini Creativi does not receive state or federal funding. All program costs which include property loan payments, utilities,

teacher pay, specialist teacher pay, auxiliary staff, administrative pay, emergency scholarship fund, training, food, materials and supplies, technology, clerical supplies, office equipment, event rentals and supplies, cleaning, kitchen, and bathroom supplies, laundry, play yard equipment, furniture, facility upgrades and supplies, security, and printing and copying costs, etc., all come from the same pool of funds. To thrive and grow, we rely on the resources, gifts, and connections of our parent body, extended families, and the community at large.

**\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) Your Gifts & Donations of Support**

Your gifts and donations are a powerful affirmation of the Bambini Creativi's mission and vision. Every milestone we have achieved since opening our doors in 2011 has been made possible in part by gifts and donations from the parent community. Help be a part of cultivating prosperity and longevity for Bambini Creativi by reaching out to individuals, families, businesses, and organizations that want to see us thrive and grow.

**\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) Pay fees on time.**

The annual school supply fee (\$160 due on August 1st) covers the consumable items that are used for instruction each year. Failing to pay or not paying in a timely manner compromises the school's ability to meet the day to day needs of teachers and students. Enrollment fees cover staff time to process paperwork, clerical tasks and assure that the program complies with state regulations and business practices. Fees and fundraising dollars also help to pay for educational materials or initiatives that help bring more opportunities and resources to our school.

**\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) School/Family Cooperation:**

This area of Engagement is in regards to creating a positive and constructive relationship between the School, and Family Member (defined as Parent, Student, and Caregivers). At Bambini Creativi, we believe cooperation and support is essential to the School's educational purpose and responsibilities to its students. We value our close bonds and the relationships we cultivate over the years. It is integral to the overall safety and health of our school community that we maintain a mutual level of respect at all times. We understand that as parents/caregivers you may have issues or concerns that you feel need to be addressed. Sharing your concerns with us is important and something we value. We want the opportunity to address concerns and have a protocol in place for these situations. We ask that you direct all classroom related issues to your classroom teacher and all school-related issues to the Administrative Office. If any Family Member engages in behavior, communications, or interactions on or off campus, that are disruptive, intimidating, overly aggressive, or reflects a loss of confidence in or disagreement with the School's policies, methods of instruction or discipline, or otherwise interferes with the School's safety procedures, responsibilities, or accomplishment of its educational purpose or program, Bambini Creativi reserves the right to dismiss the Family or Family Member from the community. Any determination under this paragraph shall be in the School's sole discretion. There will be no refund of tuition where such dismissal occurs and any unpaid balance is payable in full according to the terms of this Contract. The School also reserves the right to withdraw an offer of enrollment or re-enrollment at any time and to void an executed Enrollment Contract.

Bambini Creativi is a private school and educational journey that begins at age 2.5 years and continues through 5th grade. The program offers a unique opportunity to educate the whole child while nurturing confidence to dream big and change the world! We seek to preserve the authenticity of each unique child; encourage creativity, imagination and healthy habits, and to inspire active, lifelong learning. In our school, which is inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach and the International Baccalaureate education, there is no pressure to reduce children to standardized learning or test scores. The early childhood years focus on the development of social-emotional development and foundational skills so students grow in their confidence and experience to be successful in school and most importantly, beyond. The curriculum for grades K-5th focuses on six Units of Inquiry that cover six IB Transdisciplinary themes. The curriculum is co-constructed with students and developed over a six-week unit that culminates their research, skills, knowledge, and exploration through a final project. The curriculum is student-led, coherent and inclusive of all subjects and learning domains. We are excited to welcome your participation in an extraordinary and meaningful educational experience.

I understand the statements, appeals and expectations outlined and intend to contribute fully and to the best of my ability.

Parent/Guardian

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